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1. (Currently Amended) A tool box comprising:

a base portion having two side walls between which a bottom and a top are respectively transversely connected, a back wall connected between two rear sides of said two side walls;

[two] ~~one~~ sliding plate[s] respectively and slidably disposed to ~~one of~~ said side walls [corresponding thereto; and];

at least one receiving member pivotally connected to ~~said one of~~ [between] said [two] side walls at [two] ~~one~~ end[s] of a front side [thereof] of the receiving member, and pivotally connected [between] to said sliding plate[s] at said [two] ~~one~~ end[s] of a rear side [thereof] of the receiving member, wherein a first imaginary straight line passes through the pivotal connection of the receiving member to said ~~one of~~ said side walls and the pivotal connection of the receiving member to the sliding plate, the location of the pivotal connection of said at least one receiving member to said ~~one of~~ said side walls being closer to the front side than to the rear side of said at least one receiving member when taken along said first imaginary straight line;

an actuating member pivotally connected between said two side walls at two ends of a front side of the actuating member and pivotally connected to said sliding plate at one end of a rear side of the actuating member so that when pivoting said actuating

end of a rear side of the actuating member so that when pivoting said actuating member about said two ends of said front side thereof, said sliding plate is moved upwardly and said rear side of said receiving member is moved upwardly to pivot the receiving member toward an inclined position, wherein a second imaginary straight

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line passes through the pivotal connection of the actuating member to said one of said side walls and the pivotal connection of the actuating member to the sliding plate, the location of the pivotal connection of the actuating member to said one of said side walls being closer to the front side than to the rear side of said actuating member when taken along said second imaginary straight line; and
means mounted to the base portion for covering said at least one receiving member in a closed position and providing access to said at least one receiving member in an open position.

CLAIM 2 CANCELLED

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3. (Previously Amended) The tool box as claimed in claim 1 [further comprising] wherein the means for covering comprises a cover which has a front plate with two side plates extending from two opposite sides thereof, a top plate connected between said two side plates and two legs extending from each of said two side plates, said two legs pivotally connected to said two side walls.

4. (Original) The tool box as claimed in claim 3 wherein said two side walls of said base portion each have a boss extending from an outer surface thereof and each of said legs of said cover has a hole defined therethrough so as to receive said boss corresponding thereto.

5. (Original) The tool box as claimed in claim 3 wherein said back wall of said base portion inclinedly leans on a lower edge of said front plate when said cover is pivoted downwardly about said two bosses and turned to a rear side of said base portion.

6. (Previously Amended) The tool box as claimed in claim 1 [or 2] wherein said [two] one of said side walls [each have] has at least [two] one first aperture[s] defined therethrough and said [two] sliding plate[s each have] has at least [two] one second aperture[s] defined therethrough, said [two] one end[s] of said front side of said at least one receiving member [each] having a first stub extending therefrom so as to be received in one of said at least one first aperture[s] of said one of said [two] side walls, said [two] end[s] of said rear side of said at least

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~~one~~ receiving member [each] having a second stub extending therefrom so as to be received in ~~one of said at least one~~ second aperture[s] of said [two] sliding plate[s].

7. (Previously Amended) The tool box as claimed in claim 6 wherein said two ends of said front side of said actuating member each [having] have a first shaft extending therefrom so as to be received in [said first] apertures of said two side walls, [said two] and ~~one~~ end[s] of said rear side of said actuating member each [having] has a second ~~stub~~ [shaft] extending therefrom so as to be received in ~~a second of said at least one~~ second apertures of said [two] sliding plate[s].

8. (Original) The tool box as claimed in claim 1 wherein said receiving member has a plurality of receiving recesses defined therein.

CLAIMS 9-16 ARE CANCELLED

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17. (Currently Amended) A tool box comprising:

a base portion having a back wall and a first side wall and a second spaced-apart generally parallel sidewall extending from the back wall;

a separating board spaced a distance from the first side wall and also spaced from said second sidewall and generally parallel thereto;

at least one receiving member pivotally mounted to said first sidewall and between said first sidewall and said separating board at respective pivot points;

an actuating member pivotally mounted to said first sidewall and between said first sidewall and said second sidewall, said actuating member being longer than said receiving member; and

at least one sliding plate connecting the at least one said receiving member and the actuating member at end locations on the at least one said receiving member and actuating member displaced from said pivot points, whereby rotation of one of said at least one said receiving members and actuating member produces corresponding rotation of any other receiving member and the actuating member so connected by said at least one sliding plate.

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19. (Previously Added) A tool box as defined in claim 17, wherein the at least one sliding plate connects the at least one receiving member and actuating member on the ends thereof pivotally mounted to the first sidewall of said base portion.

20. (Previously Added) The tool box of claim 19, wherein the at least one receiving member has a plurality of receiving recesses defined therein.

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23. (Previously Added) The tool box of claim 17, wherein the receiving members have a plurality of receiving recesses defined therein.

24. (Previously Added) A tool box comprising:

a base portion having a back wall and a first side wall and a second spaced-apart generally parallel sidewall extending from the back wall;

a separating board having a first portion spaced a first distance from the first side wall and generally parallel thereto and a second portion spaced a second greater distance from the first side wall and generally parallel thereto;

at least one receiving member pivotally mounted between said first sidewall and said first portion of said separating board at respective pivot points;

at least one longer receiving member pivotally mounted between said first sidewall
and said second portion of said separating board; and

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one sliding plate disposed adjacent said first sidewall and connecting the at least one said receiving member and the at least one longer receiving member at end locations on the said receiving member displaced from said pivot points, whereby rotation of one of said at least one said receiving member produces corresponding rotation of any other receiving member so connected by said at least one sliding plate.

25. (Previously Added) A tool box claimed in claim 24 and further comprising:

an actuating member pivotally mounted between said first sidewall and second sidewall, the sliding plate connecting the actuating member with the receiving members for corresponding rotation therewith.

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26. A tool box comprising:

a base portion having two side walls between which a bottom and a top are respectively transversely connected, a back wall connected between two rear sides of said two side walls;

one sliding plate respectively and slidably disposed to one of said side walls;

at least one receiving member pivotally connected to said one of said side walls at

one end of a front side of the receiving member for pivoting movement of the

receiving member between a storage position and an inclined position, and pivotally

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connected to said sliding plate at said one end of a rear side of the receiving member;
an actuating member pivotally connected between said two side walls at two ends of a
front side of the actuating member for pivoting movement of the actuating member
between a storage position and an inclined position, and pivotally connected to said
sliding plate at one end of a rear side of the actuating member so that when pivoting
said actuating member about said two ends of said front side thereof, said sliding
plate is moved upwardly and said rear side of said receiving member is moved
upwardly to pivot the receiving member toward the inclined position; and
means mounted to the base portion for covering said at least one receiving member in a
closed position and providing access to said at least one receiving member in an open
position, said means for covering comprising a cover which has a front plate with two
side plates extending from two opposite sides thereof, a top plate connected between
said two side plates and two legs extending from each of said two side plates, said
two legs pivotally connected to said two side walls.

27. The tool box as claimed in claim 26 wherein said two side walls of said base portion
each have a boss extending from an outer surface thereof and each of said legs of said cover has
a hole defined therethrough so as to receive said boss corresponding thereto.

28. The tool box as claimed in claim 26 wherein said back wall of said base portion
inclinedly leans on a lower edge of said front plate when said cover is pivoted downwardly about
said two bosses and turned to a rear side of said base portion.